

Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group

MINUTES for July 9, 2003

6:10 PM – 7:30 PM

CAG Members Present:

Neighborhood Associations:

Robin Plance	St. Johns; Chair, Administrative committee coordinator (b) (6)
Cathy Crawford	University Park; (b) (6)
Peter Laughingwolf	Friends of Cathedral Park; (b) (6)

Business:

Rob De Graff	Citizen; (b) (6)
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Environment:

Dorothy Shoemaker	Sierra Club Secretary, Evaluation committee coordinator (b) (6)
Travis Williams	Willamette-Riverkeeper travis@willamette-riverkeeper.org

Recreation:

Public Health:

Jane Haley-Harris	Oregon Center for Environmental Health jane@oregon-health.org
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At-Large:

Jim Robison	Citizen; (b) (6)
Jackie Calder	Citizen; (b) (6)

Other Participants:

Mark Stephen	Citizen; (b) (6)
Regina Skarzinskas	Willamette-Riverkeeper; regina@tasllc.com
Judy Smith	EPA; smith.judy@epa.gov
Tom Chisolm	Citizen; (b) (6)
Barbara Smith	LWG; Barbara@harrisandsmith.com
Jim Anderson	DEQ; Anderson.jim@deq.state.or.us
Chip Humphrey	EPA; humphrey.chip@epa.gov
Amanda Guay	DHS; Amanda.m.guay@state.or.us
Sue Safford	Port of Portland; saffos@portptld.com
Janice Panichello	DHS/SHINE; janice.d.panichello@state.or.us

Excused:

Larry Talbert

Joe Keating

Rhett Lawrence

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Oregon Wildlife Federation – Education and Outreach
coordinator

OSPIRG

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Meeting brought to order by Robin Plance, Chair of the CAG. Quorum check OK.

MOTION: Accept the agenda. Agreed.

Next meeting set for August 13, 2003

Future meetings may be at water lab. We are under no obligation to keep the current room, which the DHS arranges.

Jane wrote a check for \$50.00 to Dorothy for refreshments for future CAG meetings.

Travis reported that the Oregon Senate passed SB751, the bill to pay for Superfund cleanup in Oregon by State money. Rhett and Travis are following it closely. Robin sent a faxed letter stating the CAG's opposition to the bill, and it was read on the Senate floor.

The letters to Bud Hartman, Chris Mongrain, and Thao Xiong were emailed. The emails to all three bounced.

Jackie Day Calder has returned. She was an early member of the CAG. Robin asked Dorothy to send a copy of the bylaws to Jackie. Jackie has missed the last several meetings due to a Wednesday evening class.

MOTION: to reinstate Jackie Calder as an at-large member. Moved by CC, Seconded TW, Agreed.

On August 13, the Contaminated Sediments Technical Advisory Group will be meeting, and visiting the Portland Harbor. They are interested in CAG participation at some time during the day or evening.

Correction to minutes: On page 4, "Sue Safford... Port of Portland early action." Sue prefers it be called an early action. Also, Jim Robison pointed out that Dorothy was authorized to contact people by email or post office, as appropriate.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH: We did not receive the Metro grant. Karen Blauer of Metro might have ideas about why and where else to look.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

DS bought a recorder, which was first used to record this meeting.

We have open membership slots. Robin encourages everyone to recruit.

JR suggested recruiting for diversity. This is forwarded to Joe Keating.

Cathy suggested emailing organizations that are interested in the CAG. She has been talking to people about joining the CAG.

Peter suggested recruiting high school students.

Judy Smith has environmental high school contacts. Mandy knows a teacher at Open Meadows to call.

EVALUATION: Dorothy explained that the EPA comments, and with them the other agency comments, have not been made available yet. Chip Humphrey said they will be ready soon.

The Summary of Upland Groundwater Survey came in late from the LWG, which is the reason for the delay. The EPA needed time to look it over. Chip says it looks like one more week.

Our comments are due July 30.

Barbara Smith announced the briefing on the FSP by the LWG for CAG members. It's from 6:30 to 8:30, on Wednesday, at the Water Quality Lab.

A request was made to put the Willamette-Riverkeeper FSP comments on the listserv.

Regina was asked: What's the most important issue in the Work Plan? She answered: the ISA definition.

Jim of the DEQ said that contiguous contamination is not defined. The DEQ has sites in mind to check.

Janice of SHINE said the DHS program SHINE is studying lamprey, chinook salmon, and sturgeon from the health point of view.

Travis asked to include Regina in evaluation committee meetings after the EPA comments are released.

Jane reported on the TOSC advisors, and their analysis of the Work Plan. They were concerned with the ISA definition also. They thought we should study ammonia and sulfide. TOSC will provide further comments.

Robin would like a brochure developed, which might be a folder which could include other literature from the CAG, OSPIRG, WRK, etc.,

Robin would also like to see a PowerPoint presentation put together.

PH101 in August will be Mandy from SHINE. In September, Dave Stone of SHINE will talk about the sampling plan, along with Jim Anderson of the DEQ.

Rob de Graff is no longer representing the Portland Business Alliance. We agreed to keep him on as a Citizen.

Jim Robison suggested contacting the Oregon Business Alliance.

Robin will schedule McCormick & Baxter, and Gunderson follow-ups.

Jim Robison would like to know what the City is doing.

\$65 was donated for refreshments, \$50 of it by Jane.

7:30 Robin adjourned the meeting.